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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please allow me to have the pleasure of extending my personal congratulations and those of the Central Intelligence Agency on the completion today of your twenty-five years as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

You have set a shining mark in those years as an example of good Americanism, and I trust that that example may be followed by the other branches of Government and that you may continue to have at least twenty-five years more of such excellent public service.

Again with my sincerest congratulations, believe me,

Most cordially,

Signed & disp 5/10/49 by *R. H. Willenhoetter*

R. H. Willenhoetter  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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Memo for Record: Reply, dated 11 May, from Mr. Hoover: "I have received your most thoughtful letter of 5/10, and I want to thank the members of the CIA and you for your congratulations on the occasion of my 25th Anniversary as Director of the FBI. It has indeed been a privilege to serve in this post during the past quarter-century. I deeply appreciate your gracious message in this connection." ER 0-4505 sent to Cen Records for file 5/12/49.